

## DISCUSS PASSPORT PROBLEM

### TAFT AND CABINET WRESTLE WITH RUSSIAN MATTER.

Abrogation Only Outcome—Will Take No Radical Action Until Close Scrutiny of Subject is Made.

Washington, For hours Saturday President Taft and his cabinet wrestled with the Russian passport question, and at the conclusion of the session it was acknowledged a solution that would satisfy American Jews and at the same time not embarrass either the United States or Russia still was undiscovered. Practically no other topic of importance was discussed.

While the negotiations of American Ambassador Gull at St. Petersburg have not been abandoned, it looked as if there could be but one outcome—the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with Russia. So far Ambassador Gull was said to have met with little satisfaction in the proposal that the regulations imposed on visiting American Jews be modified.

The pressure to bring about modification, or abrogation of the treaty, has been great, but any action taken will be only after the closest scrutiny to prevent international embarrassment, for the United States has its own problem in prohibiting the entrance of Chinese. It was said President Taft's expected message to congress on the passport question might be delayed for some time. Meantime there will be more cabinet conferences, a continuance of negotiations in St. Petersburg, and probably agitation in congress.

It is possible congress might approve the abrogation of the treaty, and while many officials believe this would cause embarrassment, it might prove the only solution. Talk of a new treaty with Russia to replace that of 1832 is not taken seriously among cabinet members. It is said on good authority that negotiations looking to a new treaty had not proceeded far enough to warrant any hope that a solution could be reached in this way.

Senators Lodge and Crane and Representatives Peters, Murray, Weeks, Harris, Thayer, Roberts, Gillette, Greene, Wilder, Ames, Curley and McCall of Massachusetts have promised a delegation of Boston Jews to vote for the abrogation to the treaty if pending negotiations fail. Representative Gardner would not commit himself. Representative Laurence promised to make his views known later.

### FARMERS OF THE NATION

Ask for National Legislation for the Improvement of Conditions in Rural Districts.

Chicago, Ill.—National legislation for the improvement of conditions in the rural communities over the country was recommended by the executive committee of the Farmers' National Congress, which met in Chicago this week. Among the important legislation urged by the committee is the following:

- Extended general parcels post.
- Better facilities for education in rural schools.
- Federal aid for country roads and inland waterways.
- Conservation of soil fertility.
- Demarkation between dairy products and imitations so the customer may know just what he buys.
- Federal pure seed law.
- A per capita tax and illiteracy test for immigrants.
- Direct election of United States senators.

New Orleans was tentatively chosen as the place for the next meeting, in June, 1912, the matter being left to a committee which will meet next month to finally pass upon the arrangement. A feature of the 1912 convention will be a trip to Panama.

### STATE WINS LAND SUIT.

Jury Returns Verdict Against Claude Hamilton and Relatives in Matter Involving Title to 9,000 Acres.

Austin, Tex.—Judgment for the state has been returned by a jury in the fifty-third district court in its suit against Claude Hamilton and relatives, in which the state claimed title to 9,000 acres of land in Webb county, about forty miles north of Laredo, and sought its recovery. Defendant claimed to hold under a Spanish grant, made about 1822. Judgment is for 6,000 acres turned over to the state, and for \$6,000, representing rent for fifteen years. Defendants will appeal.

The state, among other contentions, claimed that these old Spanish grants were void as indefinite and uncertain, not properly describing the land claimed; that the king of Spain prior to 1803 had condemned these lands and had reimbursed claimants with other lands; also that the state had confirmed and recognized some of these grants and had given patents on other lands in exchange therefor.

## GOT THE LETTERS MIXED

Clergyman's Mistake Resulted in Giving Decided Surprise to Dignified Archbishop.

One of the most amusing stories which the Hon. Lionel A. Tollemache tells in "Nuts and Chestnuts," is that entitled, "The Wrong Envelope." Mr. M., a missionary, shortly before leaving England, received two letters—one from Archbishop Tait asking him to dine, and the other from the secretary of a religious society, a very old friend, asking him to preach. He accepted the archbishop's invitation, and at the same time wrote to the secretary, but put the letters into the wrong envelopes.

After the dinner at Lambeth the archbishop said to him: "Mr. M., do you always answer your dinner invitations in the same way?"

"I do not understand, your grace." The letter, which was then shown to the missionary, ran thus: "You old rascal! Why did you not ask me before? You know perfectly well that I shall be on the high seas on the date you name."—London Tit-Bits.

## IT IS CRIMINAL TO NEGLECT THE SKIN AND HAIR

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## HIS VOCATION.



"I suppose you'll be an agriculturist when you grow up?"

"No'm, I'm jest goin' to work on this farm, that's all."

### Public Spirit Run Riot.

"Our little town o' Blueberryville is right up to date an' about as progressive an' public-spirited as any town in the state," said Zedekiah Brush, as he drove over the hills with the summer boarder.

"Fact is, some of us think the selectmen use the tax money a little too freely keepin' pace with the spirit of progress that seems to be in the air nowadays. Here, in the last year, the town hall has had a new roof, an' a new hoas shed has been built around the church, an' a new handle put in the town pump, an' a bridge costin' crick. The town clock has been put in repair at a cost of \$12.00, an' they've put three dozen new books in the town library, an' now they are most \$200 has been built over Plum talkin' of offerin' a firm a bonus o' \$200 to start a pickle factory in the town. Once a lot o' selectmen git the progressive fever, an' the tax money flies. Public spirit is all right, but us taxpayers has to foot the bills when it runs riot the way it does here in our town."—Judge.

### Not for Earthly Ears.

Dr. Reed, a minister, was opening the Sunday morning service at his church with the usual prayer. While he was in the midst of it a stranger entered the church and took a seat far back.

Dr. Reed was praying in a low tone, and the man in the rear, after straining his ears for a while, called out: "Pray louder, Dr. Reed. I can't hear you."

Dr. Reed paused, opened his eyes and turned them around until they rested on the man in the rear. Then he said: "I was not addressing you, sir; I was speaking to God."—London Watchdog.

### Somewhat Inconsistent.

The young woman had spent a busy day. She had browbeaten fourteen sales-people, bullyragged a shop-walker, argued victoriously with a milliner, laid down the law to a modiste, tipped in the bud a taxi chauffeur's attempt to overcharge her, made a street-car conductor stop the car in the middle of a non-stop run for her, discharged her maid and engaged another, and otherwise refused to allow herself to be imposed upon. Yet she did not smile that evening when a young man begged:

"Let me be your protector through life!"

### Question for Question.

"I shall discharge our butler," said Mr. Cumrox. "What's the trouble?" "He doesn't show me proper deference. When I am paying a man liberally, I consider it his duty to laugh at my jokes." "And won't he?" "I don't think he can. He's an English butler. When in a spirit of gentleness and condescending badinage I said to him, 'Hawkins, can you tell me which came first, the chicken or the egg?' he said, 'Which did you order first, sir?'"

### No Jury.

"Didn't you give that man a jury trial?" "Look here," replied Broncho Bob, "there ain't a big lot o' men in this settlement. We couldn't possibly get twelve of 'em together without startin' a fatal argument about somethin' that had nothin' whatever to do with the case."—Washington Star.

### A Born Quibbler.

"Didn't I tell you not to shoot any quail on this place?" "Yassuh," replied Uncle Raspberry. "You done told me an' I done heard you. Dis ain't no quail. Dis is a partidge."

## BOY CARRIED OFF HONORS

Inquisitive Person Probably Still is Looking for Information That He Didn't Get.

Every one who has lived in a small town knows the type of person generally detested there for his inquisitive habits. That even children delight in thwarting the purposes of such a person is shown by an incident related by a New Englander.

A woman in a New England town wished a friend to share her cider vinegar and sent her nine-year-old son to deliver it. He returned quickly, his face wearing a satisfied smile.

"Mrs. Brown was much obliged, ma, but I met Mr. Parker just after I got there. He said, 'Hello, sonny! I wonder if you've got molasses in that jug?' and I said, 'No, sir.' He said, 'Got vinegar?' and I told him, 'No, sir.'"

"At last he said, 'Well, that's a jug in your hand, ain't it?' and I put my jug on the ground and said, 'No, sir.'"

### The Difference.

"John M. Harlan," said a Chicago lawyer, in a eulogy of the late Supreme Court Justice, "had a way of pointing an observation with a story. Once he wanted to rebuke a man for exaggeration, so he said he was as bad as a Pittsburgh millionaire who was being interviewed by a New York reporter."

"Where, sir, were you born?" the reporter, as he sharpened his pencil, asked.

"I was born in Pittsburgh," said the millionaire.

"And when did you first—er—see the light of day?"

"When I was nine," the millionaire replied. "My people then moved to Philadelphia."

### Resigned.

The sick man had called his lawyer. "I wish to explain again to you," said he weakly, "about willing my property."

The attorney held up his hand reassuringly. "There, there," said he, "leave that all to me."

The sick man sighed resignedly. "I suppose I might as well," said he, turning upon his pillow. "You'll get it, anyway."

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